

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 4, wherein the diagnostic circuit analyzes the data based on at least one of a threshold analysis, a statistical analysis, a signature analysis, a trend analysis, a timing analysis, an event sequence analysis, a pattern analysis, an image processing technique, a quantitative state estimation technique, a qualitative state estimation technique, a model-based diagnostic technology, a look-up table, a neural-network-based analysis, a fuzzy-logic-based analysis, a bayesian network, a causal network, a rule-based system analysis and an expert system.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) A diagnostic system for automated diagnosis or prognosis of at least one electronic system, comprising:
 - a data acquisition and processing circuit that collects and processes data;
 - a diagnostic circuit that analyzes the data from the data acquisition and processing circuit to obtain an initial diagnosis;
 - a data transmission circuit that sends the data over a distributed network to a remote diagnostic system based on the initial diagnosis; and
 - a remote diagnostic system that analyzes the data from the data transmission circuit and sends a communication based on the analysis of the data,wherein the communication sent by the remote diagnostic system includes at least one of repair information to a third party, a parts request to a third party, a service request notification to a third party and a revised set of operating instructions to the at least one electronic system based on the analysis of the data by the remote diagnostic system, the

revised set of operating instructions at least one of correcting a failure and preventing a failure of the at least one electronic system.

5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 4, wherein the communication sent by the remote diagnostic system is transmitted to the at least one electronic system over the distributed network.

6. (Previously Presented) A diagnostic system for automated diagnosis or prognosis of at least one electronic system, comprising:

a data acquisition and processing circuit that collects and processes data;

a diagnostic circuit that analyzes the data from the data acquisition and processing circuit to obtain an initial diagnosis; and

a data transmission circuit that sends the data over a distributed network to a remote diagnostic system based on the initial diagnosis, wherein:

the data acquisition and processing circuit detects a signature waveform of a part of the at least one electronic system and comprises an analog-to-digital converter that digitizes the signature waveform; and

the data transmission circuit sends the digitized waveform via the distributed network to the remote diagnostic system based on the initial diagnosis.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6, further comprising a remote diagnostic system that analyzes the digitized waveform from the data transmission circuit and sends a communication based on the analysis of the digitized waveform.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the remote diagnostic system analyzes the data based on at least one of a threshold analysis, a statistical analysis, a signature analysis, a trend analysis, a timing analysis, an event sequence analysis, a pattern analysis, an image processing technique, a quantitative state estimation technique, a qualitative state estimation technique, a model-based diagnostic technology, a look-up table, a neural-network-

based analysis, a fuzzy-logic-based analysis, a bayesian network, a causal network, a rule-based system analysis and an expert system.

9. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the remote diagnostic system analysis is based on a signature analysis.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A diagnostic system for automated diagnosis or prognosis of at least one electronic system, comprising:

at least one sensor that detects a signature waveform of a part of the at least one electronic system;

a signature analysis circuit that analyzes the signature waveform to diagnose at least one characteristic of the part of the at least one electronic system;

an analog-to-digital converter that digitizes the signature waveform;

a remote diagnostic system that includes the signature analysis circuit; and

a transmission circuit that sends the digitized waveform via a distributed network to the remote diagnostic system.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the remote diagnostic system sends a communication based on the analysis of the digitized waveform.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the communication sent by the remote diagnostic system comprises repair information to a third party.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the communication sent by the remote diagnostic system comprises a parts request.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the communication sent by the remote diagnostic system comprises a service request notification.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the communication sent by the remote diagnostic system comprises a revised set of operating instructions.

17. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the communication sent by the remote diagnostic system is over the distributed network.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method for diagnosing or predicting failures in at least one electronic system, comprising:

obtaining data pertaining to the at least one electronic system;

analyzing the data to obtain an initial diagnosis;

selectively transmitting the data to a remote diagnostic system based on the initial diagnosis;

remotely analyzing the data; and

sending a communication from the remote diagnostic system based on the analysis of the data, wherein sending the communication from the remote diagnostic system comprises at least one of sending repair information to a third party, sending a parts request to a third party, sending a service request notification to a third party, and sending a revised set of operating instructions to the at least one electronic system based on the analysis of the data by the remote diagnostic system, the revised set of operating instructions at least one of correcting a failure and preventing a failure of the at least one electronic system.

20-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, further comprising verifying that operation of the at least one electronic system using the revised set of operating instructions is within specification.

25. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising determining a revised set of operating instructions based on the analysis of the data, wherein sending the communication from the remote diagnostic system comprises sending a revised set of operating instructions to the at least one electronic system.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising verifying that operation of the at least one electronic system using the revised set of operating instructions is within specification.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein analyzing the data is based on at least one of a threshold analysis, a statistical analysis, a signature analysis, a trend analysis, a timing analysis, an event sequence analysis, a pattern analysis, an image processing technique, a quantitative state estimation technique, a qualitative state estimation technique, a model-based diagnostic technology, a look-up table, a neural-network-based analysis, a fuzzy-logic-based analysis, a bayesian network, a causal network, a rule-based system analysis and an expert system.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein obtaining data includes detecting a signature waveform of a part of the at least one electronic system.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, further comprising digitizing the signature waveform.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, further comprising:
remotely analyzing the digitized waveform; and
sending a communication from the remote diagnostic system based on the analysis of the digitized waveform.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium containing instructions for automated diagnosis or prognosis of at least one electronic system, the instructions being executable to perform steps comprising:

receiving data pertaining to the at least one electronic system when the data has been selectively transmitted based upon an initial diagnosis;

analyzing the data; and

generating a communication from the remote diagnostic system based on the analysis of the data, wherein the instructions that generate the communication include at least one of instructions that generate repair data and instructions that transmit the repair data to a third party, instructions that generate a parts request and instructions that transmit the parts request to a third party, instructions that generate a service request notification and instructions that transmit the service request notification to a third party, and instructions that generate a revised set of operating instructions based on the analysis of the data by the remote diagnostic system and instructions that transmit the revised set of operating instructions to the at least one electronic system, the revised set of operating instructions at least one of correcting a failure and preventing a failure of the at least one electronic system.

34-36. (Canceled)

37. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 33, further containing instructions executable to transmit the communication over the distributed network.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 33, further containing instructions executable to verify that operation of the at least one electronic system according to the revised set of operating instructions is within specification.

40. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 33, wherein the instructions that obtain data include instructions that detect a signature waveform of a part of the at least one electronic system.

41. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 40, further containing instructions that digitize the signature waveform.

42. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium containing instructions for automated diagnosis or prognosis of at least one electronic system, the instructions being executable to perform steps comprising:

receiving a signature waveform pertaining to the at least one electronic system when the signature waveform has been selectively transmitted based upon an initial diagnosis; analyzing the signature waveform; and generating a communication to a remote diagnostic system based on the analysis of the signature waveform.

43. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 42, wherein the instructions that analyze the signature waveform include instructions for signature analysis.

44. (Currently Amended) A system for automated diagnosis or prognosis of at least one electronic system, the system comprising:

a first computer-readable storage medium containing instructions executable to perform steps of obtaining data pertaining to the at least one electronic system, analyzing the data to obtain an initial diagnosis, and selectively transmitting the data to a remote diagnostic system based on the initial diagnosis; and a second computer-readable storage medium containing instructions executable to perform steps of receiving the data when the data has been selectively transmitted based upon the initial diagnosis, further analyzing the data, and generating a communication from the remote diagnostic system based on the further analysis of the data, wherein the communication from the remote diagnostic system comprises at least one of repair information to a third party, a parts request to a third party and a revised set of operating instructions to the at least one electronic system based on the analysis of the data by the remote diagnostic system, the revised set of operating instructions at least one of correcting a failure and preventing a failure of the at least one electronic system.